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Working of the Presidency Training and Secondary School for Girls in Egmore.

* 95 *Q.*—Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) the annual cost to the province in maintaining the Presidency Training and Secondary School for Girls in Egmore;

(*b*) the total number of pupils attending the school;

(*c*) the total number of girls studying in the IV, V and VI Forms respectively;

(*d*) the total number of applicants for admission in those three forms in June 1933, the number of girls admitted, and the number refused admission;

(*e*) whether there is a complaint that there is not sufficient accommodation in the higher forms in the school to meet the growing demand for admission, and if so, what steps the Government propose to take to increase the accommodation;

(*f*) the name and qualifications of the present Superintendent of the School;

(*g*) for how many years she has been serving in the school either as Superintendent or in any other capacity;

(*h*) whether she has ever served in any capacity outside Madras city;

(*i*) whether there is any other person in the department who has been serving for so many years in the same school continuously; and

(*j*) whether there is no other person in the department who is competent to be Superintendent of this school?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*c*) The hon. Member is referred to the Subsidiary tables appended to Volume II of the annual report on Public Instruction.

(*d*) The information is not available. It has been called for.

(*e*) No such complaint has been made to Government.

(*f*) Srimathi G. Parukutti Ammal, B.A., L.T.

(*g*) Nineteen years.

(*h*) No.

(*i*) The information is not readily available.

(*j*) The question whether there is any other person in the department competent to fill the post of Superintendent of the school will be considered when the necessity for transferring the present incumbent arises.

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—" May I know whether the Government have not considered the necessity of increasing the accommodation in that school in view of the fact that there is a larger demand for admission of girls with the increase in education?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" No such request has been made by anybody."

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Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"Has not the Superintendent made such a request?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"Not to the Government."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"Was it not brought to the notice of Government that there has been a stubborn refusal made by the Superintendent to admit girls on account of want of accommodation in the school?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"I refer the hon. Member to the answer to the question on the paper."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"What are the special qualifications of this Lady Superintendent that the Government have gone out of the way to keep her for the last 19 years in the same school without transferring her?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"The Government have not gone out of the way."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR:—"Is there a case of any other candidate like this which has been retained in the same school for so many years, at least for ten years?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"I cannot say."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR:—"Now that she has been there for the last 19 years, will the Government consider the question of transferring her to some other place?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"If the Director thinks it necessary."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR:—"May I know why preferential treatment has been given only to this lady, while other candidates have applied for being posted in Madras on account of their husbands being employed here?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"The Government are not aware of any such thing."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"Will the hon. Minister be pleased to give information as to how many times headmistresses have been changed in this school since this lady was appointed Superintendent?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"I cannot say."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"Is the hon. Minister aware, or will he inquire if he is not aware, that successive headmistresses left the school on account of the fact that this lady has been treating them very badly?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"I am not aware."

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B. Pocker Sahib Bahadur:—"Is there any rule that the Superintendent should not be transferred if she has been doing her work well?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"No."

Proposal to give an agricultural bias to pupil-teachers undergoing training.

*96 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have had under consideration any proposal to give a course of training to pupil-teachers with a view to give an agricultural bias to the teaching in elementary schools;

(b) whether the Taliparamba agricultural middle school building was proposed to be utilized for this purpose; and

(c) whether the Government have come to any final decision in regard to this matter?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) Taliparamba has been proposed as a centre where the training could be given.

(c) Not yet.

Mr. A. B. Shetty:—"May I know how long the question has been under consideration and when a decision will be come to?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"The matter has been under consideration for about two years. There are some difficulties in the way of coming to a decision."

Restoration of the grants to taluk boards for the maintenance of schools.

*97 Q.—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(a) whether the reduction of grants to taluk boards for the maintenance of schools, made as a measure of retrenchment, has been restored; and

(b) if so, whether wholly or partly and, if the latter, by how much?

A.—(a) Yes; there will be no reduction in the current year.

(b) Wholly.

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UNSTARRED QUESTION

Medical Administration

Staff of the Government School of Indian Medicine classified according to communities.

98 Q.—Diwan Bahadur A. Appadurai Pillai: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state the strength of the present staff of the Government School of Indian Medicine, exclusive of clerical and menial staff, arranged according to communities?